

**REMARKS**

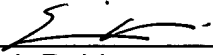
Examiner Funk is thanked for taking the time to discuss the status of the present application in a telephone conversation held with the Applicant's representatives on April 19, 2005. Per Examiner Funk's request, all pending claims are resubmitted herewith in reissue format as specified in 37 CFR § 1.173.

Minor informalities were corrected in claims 1, 13-15, 23, 27, 28, 30, 34, 36, 41, 43 and 45. Specifically, in claim 1, line 8, "region" was added after "semiconductor switch," which is consistent with the positive recitation of "a semiconductor switch region" in line 4. In claims 13, 14, 27, 28, 30, 36, 41, 43 and 45, a multidot (".") was added between " $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}$ " and "sec," which is consistent with the original claims. In claim 15, line 10, and in claim 23, line 9, "semiconductor film" was changed to "semiconductor layer," which is consistent with the positive recitation of "same semiconductor layer" in line 6 and "said semiconductor layer" in line 8. In claim 23, line 10, "stand" was changed to "stands" to correct a minor grammatical informality. In claim 34, "wherein" was added before "said" to correct a minor matter of form.

Also, it is noted that the amendments to the specification are presented in proper reissue format in a *Substitute Amendment* filed September 23, 1999 (which incorporates the amendments to the specification presented in the *Amendment* filed December 11, 1997), and in the *Amendment* filed October 22, 2001 (received by OIPE January 22, 2002).

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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